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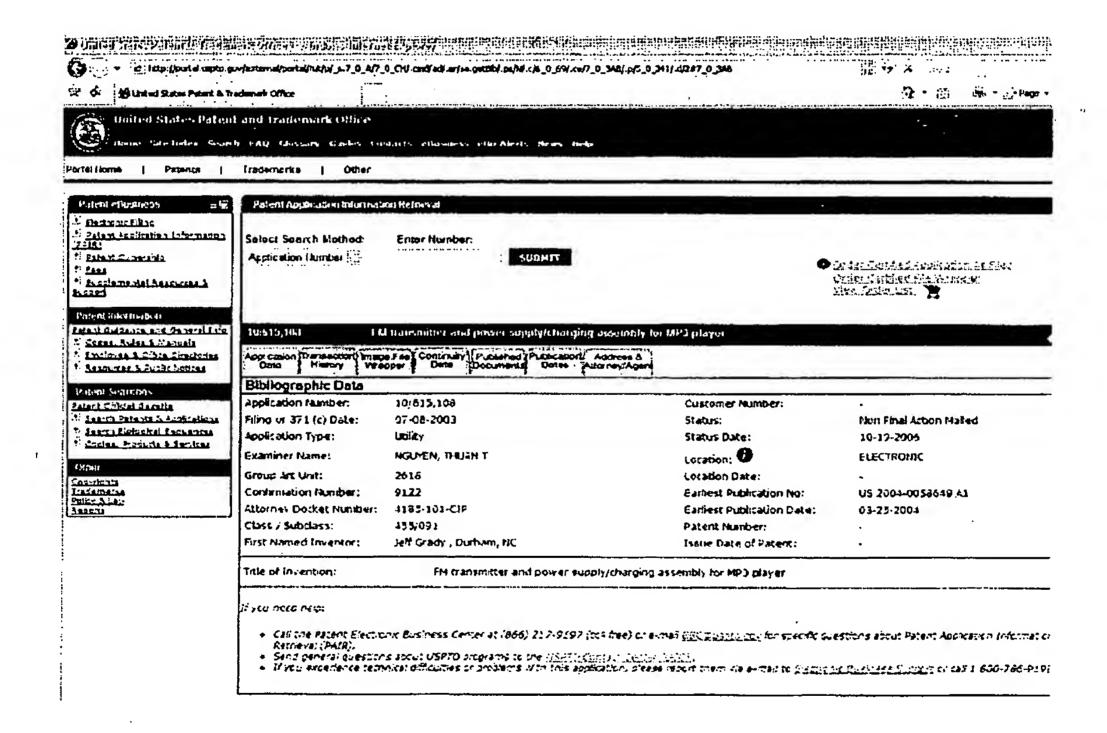
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Sir:

In the above-identified patent application, an Office Action including a non-final rejection was issued on October 19, 2006 indicating that claims 1-38 and 41-75 are allowed, and the claims 39, 40, and 76-102 are rejected. On November 20, 2006, Applicant filed a Response to the October 19, 2006 Office Action, in which claims 39, 40, and 76-102 were cancelled to eliminate all dispute over the claims so as to expedite issuance of a patent on the present application including previously-allowed claims 1-38 and 41-75.

Despite Applicant's filing of a Response on November 20, 2006, however, the current online status (i.e., as of February 19, 2007) of the present application indicated in the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system states "Non Final Action Mailed" with a status date of "10-19-2006," as indicated in the screen print copied below.



Issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance on the present application should be a mere formality given that all disputed claims have been cancelled. Applicant is concerned that the present

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application has not yet been returned to the examiner for consideration of Applicant's Response filed on November 20, 2006.

In view of the failure of the Patent Application Information Retrieval system to reflect the true status of the present application (i.e., that a Response has been filed by Applicant nearly three months ago), the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is requested to furnish the undersigned attorney with an identification of the current status of this application, and to identify a time by which Applicant should expect to receive a Notice of Allowance.

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